

To ascertain specific cause of death every dead wild animal in National Zoological Park, Delhi is subjected to a post-mortem. Detailed laboratory tests and investigations of the viscera are also carried out in cases of important species.

Release of Forest Lands for Projects

6195. DR. VASANT NIROMTH-PAWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to release forest lands for projects for the welfare of tribal people in tribal areas, when alternate land is provided for forests by State Government;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to clear Sangvi Project in Tehsil Akola in Maharashtra; and

(c) whether the Government propose to relax the rules in releasing forest land in the interest of tribal/ backward people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The Forest Conservation Act aims to provide for conservation of forests which given ecological security to the area as well as to the tribals living in the forests. Diversion of forests land for non-Forestry works is examined very carefully on merits and cases or projects for welfare of tribals are also considered in this manner. The proposal under the Forest Conservation Act for Sangvi project in Akola Tehsil of Maharashtra was received by the Ministry of 21.8.1991. The case is under-examination.

(c) Suitable relations have been provided in the existing guidelines with regard to the use of forest land for schemes/projects benefitting the tribals/backward classes. No

further relaxations are under consideration.

Use of Copper-T

6196. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the family planning scheme using Copper-T by married women has been successful, particularly in the rural areas of the country.

(b) the number of married women who availed of the Copper-T facility during the last three Years;

(c) whether any report of complaints have been made about the side-effect of using Copper-T device by them; and

(d) If so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Copper-T (IUD) is one of the most popular contraceptive device in our National Family Welfare Programme. The number of IUD insertions performed during the last 3 years is indicated below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>IUD Insertions(No.)</i>
1988-89	48,51,483
1989-90	49,36,639 (Provisional)
1990-91	53,22,143 (Provisional)

As per the latest available figures, 76.5% and 77.7% of the IUD-acceptors during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 were from rural areas.